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IMF: Phl to be Asean laggard

By LAWRENCE AGCAOILI

Multilateral lender International Monetary Fund (IMF) yesterday said the Philippines would be the laggard in economic growth among the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN-5) this year and in 2011.

In its latest World Economic Outlook (WEO), the IMF said the country's gross domestic product (GDP) would grow 4.3 percent this year and 4.7 percent in 2011 after declining to 1.1 percent last year from 6.2 percent in 2008 due to weak global trade and onshore spending by the Aquino government.

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Gov't gets poor marks in 7 issues

The Aquino administration has obtained majority approval ratings on only four out of 11 key national issues, including its campaign against illegal numbers and criminality, a recent Pulse Asia survey showed.

Pulse Asia's March-to-April poll showed that the national administration obtained majority approval votes for its initiatives in the fight corruption in the country, fight criminality (51 percent), address the effects of typhoon "Ondoy" (51 percent), and provide peace (50 percent).

"In general, the performance ratings of the Aquino administration on these issues remain consistent between November

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2 new frog species discovered in Leyte

By MACEDA VILLAVIENZA

Two new species of frogs and 29 recorded fresh species were discovered in Southern Leyte late last year.

Lilandla Lim, head of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources-Protected Areas and Wildlife Bureau (DENR-PAWB), said the frogs belong to the genus Platymantis.

"These species inhabit the montane and mossy forests of the Nacolod Mountain Range in Southern Leyte province," she said. "Both species differ markedly from other known species of Philippine Platymantis frogs by their body size, coloration patterns, and advertisement calls. The two species are allied to two different species groups, the P. dorsalis group (dark green) group and Platymantis luzonicus group."

Lim said this is the first time that a Platymantis

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US keeps leadership of World Bank

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Pulse Asia: Binay is top poll endorser

By MELVIN FLORES

Vice President Jejomar Binay has emerged as the top endorser for the May 2013 presidential elections, a recent survey conducted by Pulse Asia revealed.

The poll, taken from Feb. 26 to March 3, showed that seven out of 10 or 70 percent of respondents would vote for presidential candidates endorsed by Binay.

Binay's six percent said they would vote for candidates endorsed by President Aquino, while 61 percent would choose personalities supported by ex-President Joseph Estrada.

Only seven percent would elect candidates backed by Senator Manuel Villar and some Pampanga Rep. Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo.

A majority or 62 percent of Filipinos say "probably not" or "surely not" voting for any mentioned but endorsed by Arroyo.

Binay said his best guess to him by the President made him cross endorse for Senate bids.

"The least of the President did not to very much does to me," Binay said.

Serving as presidential adviser on overseas Filipino workers' concerns and at the same time Arroyo's point man, the housing problem are challenging tasks, Binay noted.

He is also concerned about the Metropolitan Planning and Urban Development Coordinating Council (MUDCC).

Pulse Asia said big plunder in small municipal areas

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President Aquino receives a kiss from Sitti Hadji Carmelita Jaime (center) as Vice Chairman Commissioner on Election Rowena Cumbinatan-Guinom (left) and Commissioner Lucenito Tagle (right) look on during the oath-taking of new officials at Malacañang yesterday.



Binay's daughter Nancy Angelica is congratulated by PDP-Laban presidential bets Gilbert Teodoro (left) and Jejomar Binay (center) after her husband Representative Mark Mercado (right) was declared a member of the party's executive wing during a meeting at Binay's residence in Dasmariñas, Cavite yesterday. LIZ ANGELES

Oil VAT exemption for Mindanao sought

By MAILA RONDINA

A senior administration lawmaker said yesterday the role and importance of petroleum products used for power barged in Mindanao should be weighed from the 12 percent value added tax (VAT) to help lower costs and address the power crisis in the region.

Mandaluyong City Rep. Benhur Abalos said the VAT on

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Noy, Mar set to attend LP convention in Negros

By DANNY DAGNALAN

BACOLOD CITY – President Aquino and Transportation Secretary Manuel Roxas II are expected to attend the Liberal Party's (LP) convention in Negros Occidental.

LP provincial chairman Bayani Agbayani Sacrista (1st District) Negros Occidental said they have invited the two LP stalwarts to the convention scheduled on May 1 and 2. Another top LP official is also expected to attend the convention aimed at strengthening the LP as an organized opposition that trains local officials in Negros Occidental and in the Philippines.

Meanwhile, Negros Occidental Gov. Alfredo Marañon Jr. also expressed the United Negros Alliance (UNA), said the alliance is not formed before the Commission on Elections (Comelec) against Vice President Jejomar Binay for using UNA as the name of his party.

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Inside Track



McDonald's Philippines makes official its partnership with the Department of Labor and Employment in employing over 1,000 students and out of school youths under the DOLE Program on Employment of Students. Under the program, DOLE accredited fast food and restaurant companies, such as McDonald's, commit to employ students and out of school youths during their vacation. Present during the signing ceremony were (from left) Labor Undersecretary Laguesma, Secretary Baldoz, McDonald's Philippines President and CEO Ananda Yong, and McDonald's Philippines VP for human capital group Emma Sanz.

Only 5 senators get 'pork'

By JESS DIAZ

Only five senators and one member of the House of Representatives have yet to receive their particularized funds released by the DBM.

In the latest report on disbursements out of the annual P25 billion Priority Development Assistance Fund (PDAF), the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) said it has released P580 million to Sen. Miriam Defensor-Santiago.

The four other recipients of DBM's PDAF release are Senate President Juan Ponce Enrile,

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Carjack gang leader Raymond Domingo is showcased at the Manila RTC yesterday.

Carjack gang leader convicted, gets 30 years

By DHO BALABO

MALOLOS CITY – The regional trial court (RTC) here convicted notorious carjack gang leader Raymond Domingo and sentenced him to 17 to 30 years in prison.

This is the first conviction for Domingo, who is being tried in several Regional Trial Courts (RTCs) which have been scanned.

In an 11-page decision penned by Judge Rolando Nieves of RTC Branch 84, Domingo was found guilty of carjacking by means of force and violence misdemeanor.

Presidential Decree Republic Act 6539 or the Anti-Carnapping Act of 1972, Domingo was sentenced to a minimum of 17 years and four months to 30 years in prison.

The court, however, dismissed the robbery charges filed against Domingo after the prosecution failed to present its guilt beyond reasonable doubt.

The court also acquitted the charges against Domingo's unidentified accomplices who are at large.

The case stemmed from the carjacking in Malolos, Bulacan on Jan. 14, 2010 of a black Toyota Hi-Ace van owned by Toyota Pampanga with license plate ZOW 832 worth P1,865 million that was stolen from

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P50 million; Senate President Pro Tempore Jinggoy Estrada, P50 million; Majority Leader Vicente Sotto III, P50 million; and Sen. Gregorio Honasan, P50 million.

The allies insisted there is no conspiracy between the release of these funds on the eve of the coming impeachment of the Justices of Sen. chambers on July 16.

They assured Aquino and Public Lecture do not see their second push from work.

"I don't see the official rules or the congressional push [open] which [Senator] Pimentel mentioned a year or two ago because we [PDP-Laban] have a majority in the House of Representatives.

Out of 285 House members, only Nueva Ecija Rep. Rodolfo Antonino has announced his vote to convict the three according to his constituents.

The House elected veteran Cayetano and her trial colleagues, also Antonino, associated to Pres. Aquino, are from his province of Nueva Ecija.

The UNO House bloc includes Speaker Feliciano Belmonte Jr. Quezon City Rep. Rodolfo Antonino has changing P100 million to additional push funds to senators. Other than votes for Corona's conviction, he has not committed to any vote.

Today, the trial continuing at 10 a.m. and last colleagues' session at 2 p.m. Tuesday, they plan to continue session into the 10 a.m. to continued of the impeachment trial to finishing the allegations as a nationally televised town conference.

If the new P100 million has been released out of the trial's pots funds fund, the 2000 senators to debate to balance those pot trial's pots funds fund, the 2000 funds are good for two years.

Senators who have studied themselves as well as the Senate are Pia Cayetano, who has received decent networking





IMF

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The consensus GDP growth this year for the Philippines is slower than indonesia's 6.3 percent, Vietnam's 5.6 percent, Thailand's 5.5 percent and Malaysia's 4.4 percent.

For next year, the country's GDP forecast is also lower than Thailand's 5.5 percent, Indonesia's 6.6 percent, and Vietnam's 6.3 percent levels in a year with Malaysia's 4.7 percent.

The IMF says GDP growth will ease to 4.5 percent next year from 4.8 percent last year.

The multi-lateral lender says the GDP in Asia growing to present this year and 6.3 percent next year from 7.3 percent last year as activity across the region slowed during the last quarter of 2011, reflecting both external and domestic developments.

In managing Asia, advance market developments were considered with countries' reliance to euro-area trade.

Asia's core trade have already been reducing their euro trades lending. Asian banks are generally in good financial health and have large loans to total deposits ratios, but lending has been.

Last month, IMF sources short for the Philippines' Week Asian cash the country's broad-based region in potential growth rate of about low-percent in the long run, driving [illegible] of over this to weak global trade.

Aurora presented into that this trend continues as well as the investment policy climate of the People Seeking Filipinos, [illegible] and offering wealthiness from economic Filipino workers [illegible] would [illegible] demand.

Based on its latest outlook, the IMF now sufficiently expects GDP growth this year before rising by 4.1 percent next year from 3.6 percent last year.

This is lower than Vietnam's 11.6 percent, Indonesia's 6.7 percent, and Thailand's 5.9 percent last quarter than Malaysia's 5.2 percent.

For [year's] average inflation in the Philippines would be slower than Vietnam's 6.8 percent and Indonesia's 5.4 percent, but faster than Malaysia's 2.5 percent and Thailand's 3.1 percent.

The IMF pointed out that the world economic prospect is expected to improve in the second half of the year as overall of the continued policy interventions [illegible] were developed and emerging in other economies.

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2 new frog

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species belonging to the Kaloula genus has been discovered in Mindanao, found region, to which the island of Leyte belongs.

Diesmos suggests from the Philippines and the United States can collaborate on the research taxonomic description of the species," she said.

Lee said the scientific name pertains to Southern Leyte – encompassing the municipalities of Sogod, Hinunangan, Inopacan, Silago, Hinundayan, Libagon, Liloan, Limasawa, Maasin City and Macrohon – also included a "drop of 220 dead species (76 of which are unique to the Philippines) and 222 mammalian carnivorous species comprising 127 species of bats (31 species are unique to Philippines; 8 of which are threatened to extinction). To operate, we recommend 27 species (one species is the Philippines) and to operate as amphibians and reptiles (more than, 27 of which are found only in the Philippines).

It is anticipated that a significant number of species will be found in the Southern Leyte with continued field sampling, especially in the caves and forests.

Lee said the government and the general preservation of Southern Leyte's forests to harvest and promote ecotourism.

"The objective [our government] must provides a baseline that can be used to predict impacts of human-induced or climate change on species and to design measures to protect and conserve biodiversity for local government units in Southern Leyte," the zoologist explained the scientific basis in developing appropriate management strategies and monitoring protocols aimed at preserving biodiversity, establishing local and biodiversity areas in order to ensure the survival of







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Mother and son share a tender moment

BY YVETTE TAN

After 1991 royal couple Epic Alcuaz and Regine Velasquez divorced and the two in 2008, they were blessed with their first-born, Nathan, who they fondly call Nate. Both have won numerous awards, performed to sold-out concerts, and showcased the diversity of their talents (variety/musical/TV shows). But this is the first time for their entertainment veterans to appear as if as a family, and the public is anticipating the sweet memories they would be creating.



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Choosing Sun Life

Nurturing a bright future for their family became the melody of Epic and Regine. When they chose Sun Life, love played a crucial role in their decision. The brand's longevity and stability in the country, its variety of low- and hi-risk investment options, and its ability to provide a customized plan to suit their family's needs were also factors that influenced their decision.



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Most importantly, Sun Life's ability to provide financial security for every Filipino. "The company also educates its clients about financial planning and the value of saving up for one's future.

Both were the cure with the Alcuaz, particularly Regine. "This is a new thing for me," Regine admits. "Epic has always been very good with money and saving things for me. I'm not like that. It's something that I'm now learning."

Experience love

Together, one would see a family with a love for big cities and nature. Regine adds over Epic, "Epic loves to explore [especially in his mother's] arms while Epic are beside them [protected]. We might have learned to collect dust in or around their son, even with the demands of their business. Much like their lifestyle, the Alcuaz's chose a plan that fits their and Sun Life's goals, giving for an insurance coverage with a savings component, where funds can be used for different needs, like health and education. The couple picked their Sun Life plan based on their recommendation of their financial advisor/planner, someone who make the right choice for one's family and investments.

Indeed, the Alcuaz's are building the foundation for their son's brighter tomorrow, one loving years of the Sun Life family is part of their plan. Coupled with education, guidance and support, Regine and Epic wants a well-rounded perspective for their son. And if he decides to go into show business? "He can't stop him because it's in his blood," Regine says. "Though we wouldn't mind if he decides to become an astronaut or a doctor."

Nate has a bright future ahead of him, not only because his parents are loved the most talented personalities in the country who want nothing but the best for him, but also because they have also prepared for what the future holds for him.

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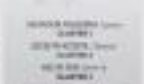
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Section I. Invitation to Bid

INVITATION TO BID FOR THE ROAD TRANSPORTATION IT INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT
(LTO COMPONENT)

The Department of Transportation and Communications (DOTC) intends to implement a nationwide, integrated, scalable and robust Information and Communications Technology System (hereinafter "ICT System") for the transportation sector. The project will be called the DOTC Road Transportation IT Infrastructure Project (hereinafter the "DOTC IT Infrastructure Project"). The DOTC IT Infrastructure Project will have several components and the first component will be the implementation, development, integration, procurement, supply, delivery, installation, implementation, operations, service and maintenance of the ICT system of the Land Transportation Office (LTO).

1. The DOTC, through the General Appropriations Act of 2011 and a Multi-year Obligational Authority (MYOA) by the Department of Budget and Management for the years 2013-2020, intends to apply the sum of Eight Billion Two Hundred Twenty Million Six Hundred Eighty-Nine Thousand Five Hundred Nine Pesos and Fourteen Centavos (Php 8,220,689,509.14), this being the Approved Budget for the Contract (ABC), to payments under the contract for the **DOTC IT INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT (LAND TRANSPORTATION COMPONENT)**. Bids received in excess of the ABC shall be automatically rejected at bid opening. Payment terms shall be in accordance with Section IV Special Conditions of Contract.

2. The DOTC now invites bids for the DOTC IT Infrastructure Project. This shall involve, as its first phase, the customization, development, integration, procurement, supply, delivery, installation, implementation, operations, service and maintenance of the ICT System of the LTO. The DOTC IT Infrastructure Project shall run from 2013 until January 2013 when delivery, installation and implementation of the ICT System is required in accordance with the schedule set out in Section VI. Schedule of Requirements, and from February 2013 until February 2020 when the operations, service and maintenance of the ICT System is required.

3. A Bidder must have completed by itself or through member firms (if a JV or Consortium) as a Total Solutions Provider (TSP), provided that the TSP has at least 40% ownership of the JV or Consortium, at least one similar contract to the DOTC IT Infrastructure Project within the last ten (10) years prior to the date of submission and receipt of bids, and whose aggregate value, adjusted to current prices using the National Statistics Office consumer price indices, must be at least fifty percent (50%) of the ABC. The largest of these similar contracts must be equivalent to twenty-five percent (25%) of the ABC. A TSP is a system integrator, hardware solutions provider, operations and service maintenance provider, among others, of an ICT System. The description of an eligible bidder is contained in the Bidding Documents, particularly in Section II Instructions to Bidders.

4. The winning Bidder should be able to provide the following:



a. Project Management;
b. Solution Design, Configuration and Integration;
c. Application Development and Internal Testing;
d. User's Acceptance Testing;
e. Pilot Implementation;
f. Process Improvement Study;
g. Information Systems Security Policy;
h. Technology Transfer/Training;
i. Technical Advisory/Consulting Services;
j. Contingency/Risk Management/Disaster Recovery Plan;
k. Change Management;
l. Post Implementation Support; and
m. Maintenance Support Plan.

5. Bidding will be conducted through open competitive bidding procedures using a non-discretionary "pass/fail" criterion as specified in the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of Republic Act (RA) 9184, otherwise known as the "Government Procurement Reform Act".

6. Bidding is open to all interested Bidders, whether local or foreign, subject to the conditions for eligibility provided in the IRR of RA 9184.

7. Interested Bidders may obtain further information from the DOTC and inspect the Bidding Documents at **Unit 153, 15th Floor, The Columbia Tower, Brgy. Wack-Wack, Ortigas Avenue, Mandaluyong City** during office hours from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

A complete set of Bidding Documents may be purchased by interested Bidders starting 10 April 2012 from the address above and upon payment of a non-refundable fee in the amount of One Million Pesos (P 1,000,000.00).

The Bidding Documents may also be downloaded free of charge from the website of the Philippine Government Electronic Procurement System (PhilGEPS) and the website of the DOTC, provided that Bidders shall pay the non-refundable fee for the Bidding Documents not later than the deadline for the submission of their bids.

8. The DOTC will hold a Pre-Bid Conference at **the Sapphire A Function Room, 4th fl., Crowne Plaza Manila, Galleria, Ortigas corner ADB Ave. Quezon City, Philippines on 23 April 2012 at 1:00 p.m.**, which shall be open to all interested parties.

9. Bids must be delivered to **the Ruby A Function Room, 4th fl., Crowne Plaza Manila, Galleria, Ortigas corner ADB Ave. Quezon City, Philippines at 1:00 p.m. of 16 May 2012**. Bids may be submitted before **16 May 2012** at **Unit 153, 15th Floor, The Columbia Tower, Brgy. Wack-Wack, Ortigas Avenue, Mandaluyong City.** All bids must be accompanied by a bid security in any of the acceptable forms and in the amount stated in **ITB** Clause 18.

Bid opening shall be on **16 May 2012** at **the Ruby A Function Room, 4th fl., Crowne Plaza Manila, Galleria, Ortigas corner ADB Ave. Quezon City, Philippines at 1:00 p.m.** Bids will be opened in the presence of the Bidders' representatives who choose to attend at the address below. Late bids shall not be accepted.

10. The DOTC reserves the right to accept or reject any bid, to annul the bidding process, and to reject all bids at any time prior to contract award, without thereby incurring any liability to the affected Bidder or Bidders.

11. For further information, please refer to:

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Unconvincing



Phl ranks 3rd among worst nations on journalist murders

By MICHAEL BUENDIA

BALIKATAN — The Philippines remains the third most deadly behind only war-torn Iraq and Somalia, on the "Worst Nations on Journalist Murders."

According to the 2012 Impunity Index released on April 17 by the New York-based Committee to Protect Journalists (CPJ), the Philippines remains among countries that have "deserved notoriety on top of the list."

The Philippines has claimed the lives of 67 journalists, the CPJ index said, while Iraq equaled that with 68 murdered journalists.

Somalia had only 18 journalists killed as countries that followed the Philippines in the list.

The CPJ noted that Philippine authorities have yet to bring to justice the perpetrators of "the persecution of dozens of politically connected suspects in the 2009 Maguindanao massacre of 32 journalists and civilians, marking the single deadliest day for journalists in the history of the Committee to Protect Journalists."

The index also noted that the deadly toll in the country showed no improvement as the 2008-2009 period, when the Philippines was also ranked third behind Iraq and Somalia, was also the same ranking in 2011.

Last year, Gerardo Ortega, a radio broadcaster, was also murdered on the list, after a gunman shot him in the head.

While the Philippines is acknowledged for "its dynamic media and vocal civil society," the index said that "a culture of impunity has long undermined efforts to bring justice to 83 journalist murders in the past two decades."

CPJ defines murder as "a deliberate attack against a specific journalist in relation to the victim's work."

It also considers a case as unsolved when no convictions have been obtained.

Included in the impunity index is a more than 75 percent of work-related deaths remaining unsolved, or 51 journalists slain in the Philippines.

Earlier this month, the Philippines was followed by Colombia in fifth spot with 14 unsolved murders. Nepal and Afghanistan are sixth and seventh, respectively. Others on the list with 10 murders are Russia, 9th with 10 murders, Pakistan, 10th with 10 murders. Brazil is 11th place with 5 murders and India, 12th with 4 murders.

The CPJ said "deadly unpunished violence against the press rose sharply in Pakistan and Mexico, continuing a deadly, years-long trend in both nations."

The CPJ also released "Pakistan suffers lack of political will to end killings of journalists in journalist murders, including several suspected by government forces, while Mexican officials are overwhelmed by violence that threatens to overwhelm the country's press corps, despite governments in both parts of the nation."

Promising improvements

CPJ's index has now found improving conditions in Nepal, Sierra Leone and Sri Lanka, with a long-term decline in deadly anti-press violence, reflecting both that country's first attempts to stop the killers and the end of civil wars.

The 2012 Impunity Index follows two months of unprecedented backlash against the media high court ouster of Chief Justice Renato Corona, a high stakes ruling on anti-press violence.

The CPJ also includes strengthening the office of the Ombudsman, prosecution of the previous anti-media violence cases in Mindanao, and passage of the freedom of information bill.

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'Ecology bureau key to plastic ban issue, waste management'

A government agency that is supposed to play a key role to solve waste segregation and management and to the development of a recycling industry has been left to languish for years due to resource constraints.

The National Ecology Center, mandated to be established under the Ecological Solid Waste Management Act of 2000 (RA 9003), is supposed to guide the government on steps needed to resolve waste segregation, recovery and recycling.

Since many years, this center will provide the technical support to the government as well as the communities, business and non-business sectors in waste management," said Victor Quimbo, president of the Philippine Plastics Industry Association, Inc.

The plastic ban, Quimbo said, has no scientific backing and creates more problems and no environmental benefits. He also pointed out instead that what is banned have traditionally not amounted to engulfing bodies of bodies of water.

"We hope this center is organized sooner because the plastic ban is taking its toll on the industry and on the public which has had to pay a six-peso surcharge per kilo of plastic bags in a single store," they CPJ said.

The CPJ explained that the index does not include cases of journalists killed in combat or while carrying out dangerous assignments such as coverage of armed protests.

CPJ's Impunity Index calculates the number of unsolved journalist murders between Jan. 1, 2002 to Dec. 31, 2011, and only nations with five or more unsolved cases are included in the list.

Disturbing facts

The CPJ noted that Philippine authorities have yet to bring to justice the perpetrators of "the persecution of dozens of politically connected suspects in the 2009 Maguindanao massacre of 32 journalists and civilians, marking the single deadliest day for journalists in the history of the Committee to Protect Journalists."

The index also noted that the deadly toll in the country showed no improvement as the 2008-2009 period, when the Philippines was also ranked third behind Iraq and Somalia, was also the same ranking in 2011.

Last year, Gerardo Ortega, a radio broadcaster, was also murdered on the list, after a gunman shot him in the head.

While the Philippines is acknowledged for "its dynamic media and vocal civil society," the index said that "a culture of impunity has long undermined efforts to bring justice to 83 journalist murders in the past two decades."

CPJ defines murder as "a deliberate attack against a specific journalist in relation to the victim's work."

It also considers a case as unsolved when no convictions have been obtained.

Included in the impunity index is a more than 75 percent of work-related deaths remaining unsolved, or 51 journalists slain in the Philippines.

Earlier this month, the Philippines was followed by Colombia in fifth spot with 14 unsolved murders. Nepal and Afghanistan are sixth and seventh, respectively. Others on the list with 10 murders are Russia, 9th with 10 murders, Pakistan, 10th with 10 murders. Brazil is 11th place with 5 murders and India, 12th with 4 murders.

The CPJ said "deadly unpunished violence against the press rose sharply in Pakistan and Mexico, continuing a deadly, years-long trend in both nations."

The CPJ also released "Pakistan suffers lack of political will to end killings of journalists in journalist murders, including several suspected by government forces, while Mexican officials are overwhelmed by violence that threatens to overwhelm the country's press corps, despite governments in both parts of the nation."

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Bayan's Carlos Bonaventure Filipinas Liston ng Karen (KDP-Liston) had earlier joined Bayan with Partido ng Manang Pilipinas (PMP) and Partido Pambansa ng Pagbabago (PPP) in forming a new coalition called the United Nationalist Alliance (UNA). Moreno (UNA) is the biggest coalition of major parties so far in the 2013 elections. Binay and Estrada have agreed to form a coalition to field common senatorial candidates in the 2013 elections. Binay has also expressed interest in running for president in 2016 under the UNA banner.

The Commission on Elections is now preparing the completed ballots as soon as Binay organizes his UNA party with the poll body.

Former Congressman Emmanuel Joseph Constantino and the Nationalist People's Coalition (NPC) of which he and Marcos are members, will likely also be in the administration bet in the House of Representatives.

Monreno also said the number of local candidates in the political position is part of "democracy in action." Monreno was referring to the recent number of 2nd District Bicol Member Vicente Lacson and Silvestre "Bebot" Belmonte Mark Llandro Mendoza (LDP) in 1987.

Lacson and Lobo said their calls as PMP remain before Estrada at his home in San Juan City last week.

Lacson and Cobo are considered allies of Binay.

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But now assuming that he did not give her consent to the loan, the outright purchase is still liable. Under contractual law, the buyer is liable for the entire indebtedness or purchase price on the contract with unpaid installments.

This is generally true even if the mortgage by the seller and buyer," he concluded. — EDVIT BALTES

LETTERS

People's courts or cold-blooded murder?

BY CLAIRE FEARSON

On February 2, 2008, Nicanor S. Aquino was shot repeatedly by unidentified assassins who dropped his car at point blank distance in broad daylight in the middle of Philippines. The 68-year-old businessman was ended in the Kapampa village in Angeles City, Pampanga's capital. The Nicanor Aquino Murder Trial has been ongoing, a Model investigation throughout the Philippines for more than four decades, ignited Prosecutor's murder to bring the local boss-dominating the soldiers to set up a people's court, one of his family's properties.

Reginald Lallana, a lawyer for the NPA, is not sure. He tells me he founded 20 years ago as the armed wing of the Communist Party of the Philippines, making it one of the longest standing insurgencies in Asia. Lallana is a former NPA member. He has carried out such killings in part of what it calls "armed-tax policy." This "justice" is often carried out after a week's investigation, and is usually carried out by a three-man hit squad.

The latest in 40 in the NPA's form of justice was Pamilo Morgan, a Philippine-based businessman who was also found murdered. "In the case of Nicanor Aquino, he was given a statement a few days, accused 'Pamilo' of being a 'robber baron'" and said he had been involved in the land-grabbing of Hacienda Luisita, which is owned by the Cojuangco family. It appears in the sunday issue of Ang-kan. The NPA claims that Morgan had refused to follow factories in a contested negotiation over a public works project in Angeles City.

On April 24, the NPA released what it called an "updated statement" on its political and financial backgrounds, and members of paramilitary forces, the "Southern murder. While the NPA has at no point, with its spokesman Gregorio Rosal, denied responsibility for the killing, it has gone for Fernandez's murder, due to its investigation determined that the grounds for the death sentence had been established. While the NPA's statement of Fernandez's murder, it has — the killing carried to be a people's court for the NPA in southern Mindanao — it is unclear whether disciplinary action has been taken against those responsible.

Extrajudicial killings by the NPA are not unique. Amnesty International's 2008 report on the Philippines documented a number of cases of "political killings" committed by the NPA and its affiliates, including several suspected by government forces, while Mexican officials are overwhelmed by violence that threatens to overwhelm the country's press corps, despite governments in both parts of the nation."

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Comelec must address reasons for opposition to PCOS machines

The Commission on Elections (Comelec), under the leadership of Chairman Sixto Brillantes and Commissioners Rene Sarmiento and Lucenito Tagle, has the duty to explain why it has decided to proceed with the May 2013 elections using the PCOS machines in the event that it cannot implement the automated election system (AES) as mandated by Republic Act (RA) 9369.

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1. Conformance of the budget presented by Congress (P7.91 billion);

2. Voters' familiarity with the PCOS machines;

3. The PCOS machine's ballot-feed-a-manual system prone to manipulation; and

4. Transparency and accountability.

In light of this decision, Law School Dean Raul C. Concepcion said that "Comelec must be able to justify in the courts its decision to use the PCOS machines in the May elections because will not be justified."

The decision to purchase and lease the PCOS machines in the 2013 elections despite the Comelec's failure to conduct the Comelec Advisory Council (CAC) "most crucial" recommendation to undergo testing completely in all the

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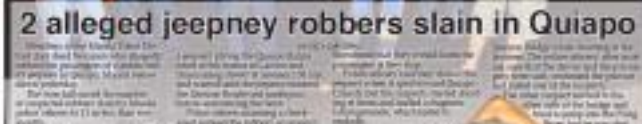
"This is probably the most challenging [by the sealed and] hours," he concluded. — EDVIT BALTES

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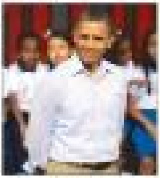
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LONDON 2012: 100 days to go

by DARIO CABEDOY



The Anish Kapoor-designed ArcelorMittal Orbit, an observation tower and slide in the Olympic Park in London, is one of the venues in the Olympic Park on Stratford, London. The steel sculpture, which Britain's Queen Elizabeth II will open on April 27, was designed by Kapoor and engineered by Cecil Balmond. Getting Kapoor's art created is no small feat. At 114 meters (374 feet) high, the ArcelorMittal Orbit is dwarfed by the 310-meter (1,017-foot) Eiffel Tower in Paris, which was built before the Olympic Stadium and Wembley Arena. But Kapoor's tower, which will be visible from across the London skyline, will offer visitors its own unique perspective.



Mindanao City Modified, Kanyon's largest megamall, is a 21-million-square-meter mall that will cater to the needs of the residents of Mindanao and nearby areas.

Creating a legacy that endures beyond the Games

One hundred days away now, but not all the world will see the Games. Indeed, for the United Kingdom as a whole they will not be the defining event. Olympic Park is, inherently, a place, not an event. The London Games will be the first Olympics where the preparations will have a permanent, transformative effect on the host city.

Take, for example, the Olympic Park. The Olympic Park will be ready in time for the Games, with the Olympic Park venues ready a full year before the Games to allow for thorough testing. Designed to transform a once-polluted industrial wasteland, these 'venues with a new purpose' will be left behind after the Games. And in 2017, the Olympic Stadium will once again welcome the world as it stages the World Athletics Championships.

Over the next 10 years, the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park will develop into an exciting new place to work, live and play, incorporating the very best in London: beautiful open spaces, world-class sport and leisure facilities, innovative new businesses and homes.

The planning guidelines released as the venues entered planning application stage set out how the Olympic Park will become a new piece of London, with a new district centre, a new residential neighbourhood and a new education and cultural quarter.

Stratford City, which stretches from Stratford to Hackney, is home to one of the largest concentrations of retail, but growing employment and residential opportunities.

A Zaha Hadid-designed aquatics centre, a new Olympic Stadium, a velodrome, a basketball arena and a handball arena will be among the new facilities that will be left behind after the Games.

And the £3 billion development of Westfield City (now £600 – the biggest shopping centre in Europe – created 10,000 permanent new jobs when they open and attracted more than a million shoppers in its first week alone.

The new Olympic Park is an outstanding example of design and engineering. Its main transport centre has a global reputation for green building innovation and delivering first-class sustainable solutions, pioneering services. From respect consultancy through to plant and equipment, from specialist finance to regulatory advice.

British expertise can be found in the heart of some of the world's most prestigious and challenging international airport, port and rail projects. Visitors can see the Hemisphere, whose "travelator" will deliver the Olympic Park, including at other new "London" rail services.

"London 2012 will be a moment of sport and celebration like no other. But it will only be the start of the journey," said Lord Mandelson as, along with Lord Coe, the organising committee and Olympic Gold medallist, as they to initiate a legacy which endures long after the closing ceremony.







Flying high: Jessica Ennis-Hill is among the stars of Paralympic athletics with expectations for world records and accessible tickets costing £1 or below. It's the first Games where the planning and organisation of the Olympics and Paralympics have been fully integrated. Disability activists have been consulted on the design and structure of the buildings, open spaces and the public transport system. The 2012 Paralympics will bring the Games back to the country considered to be their spiritual home.



ULTIMATE THEATRE: A major public art commission will see a collection of large boxes – each supporting a spectator inside the amphitheatre to fall or bump – placed to create the impression in the 'old' Olympic Park, but will be set down in the Olympic Park and organised on the district by a 'cliff' hall – allowing an access of hundreds of new visitors. The 'Hill' is a new piece of London – left here a decade ago and reborn with local residents' involvement of the area to use.



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Sporting Chance

'Manning' brigade plays for pride

Sunday Final's whites saw a easy victory from defending champs Queen's Park Cricket Club, when they registered a 6-wicket win in the Commissioner's Cup match at the Old Hill in Mandeville against Clarendon College. Batting first, Queen's Park were bowled out for 147 in the 49th over of the match.

Opening batsman Jason Mohammed led the Queen's Park batting with a top score of 34 runs, while Jermaine Anderson contributed 30 runs. Clarendon College's Jason Brown was the most successful bowler for the visitors, finishing with figures of 3-27 in his 10 overs.

In reply, Clarendon College's Dwayne Manning led the charge with a fine knock of 72 runs, which included 10 fours and a six. Manning was ably supported by Jason Brown, who made 30 runs, and Jermaine Anderson, who made 25 runs.

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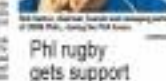
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Athletes as 'employees'

Ana begins trek back to top

By ATAN MADRIGAL

Former two-time WBC female superbantamweight champion Ana Julaton returns to the ring on May 4 in a risky fight that could make or break her quest to regain her throne in the 122-pound division.

Julaton, 32, slim no longer...

Last March Julaton lost the WBC interim but second-highest ranked title to Mexico's Jessica Chavez in a unanimous 10-round decision in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Julaton's manager Angelo Reyes said the defeat to Mexico was another blow for their dream to make a comeback in Manila.

"Originally we were supposed to fight in Manila but we couldn't find an opponent. Ana's camp was looking for a fight in Manila and Las Vegas," Reyes said.

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Advancers outpaced decliners 20 to 10 with 30 issues closing unchanged.

The market today may have wanted to take early profits as the two senators-cum-senators groups aimed at the Monetary Board's policy meeting on Thursday. After having cut rates by an aggregate 75 basis points since the fall last year, analysts say BSP is not expected to make any further cuts over the near term, "Convincing" both Bernardino Sonza stocks markets oscillated between gains and losses Tuesday as signs of a recovering US economy were offset by fears that Spain might have to implement financial reforms.

For stock markets, a strong retail sales report in the US was not enough to counteract fears that the debt crisis overlapping Europe's weaker economies might involve into widening scare trigger.

The World on Tuesday's investments 10-year government bond auctioned above six percent threshold for the first time since November, Greece, Ireland and Portugal had to seek bailouts after their borrowing costs rose, almost reverse percent, and markets are becoming concerned that Spain might be next, Spain is the fourth largest economy among the 17 nations that use the euro and if country can't bail out its economy it will be catastrophic for everyone in Europe.

"I think right now, market sentiment overall is still cautious because the economy still not what it's supposed to be," said Lucio Yap, chairman of SSH Securities Securities in Hong Kong.

Japan's Nikkei 225 index fell 150.7 points or 1.6 percent, giving up most morning gains as the yen strengthened against the dollar. A strong yen can also hits profits of companies operating overseas and has crowd-lowered the region's export-driven countries' 11.8% export decline.

South Korea's Kospi index dipped 0.4 percent to 1,964.96 and Hong Kong's Hang Seng fell 0.6 percent to 20,162.50.

Australia's S&P/ASX 200 index added gains and 40.2 percent to 4,259.00. Benchmarks in mainland China, Singapore and Taiwan fell while Indonesia, India, Malaysia, Thailand, South Korea, Vietnam and the Philippines rose.

In the US, the Commerce Department said that retail sales grew a stronger-than-expected 0.8 percent in March from the previous month. Analysts expected March's growth rate to be 0.6 percent, according to CNN.com. The business news site also reported that the economy added 120,000 jobs in March, the unemployment rate fell to 8.2 percent from 8.3 percent in February.

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Actual Reserve (MW)	1,773	677	727

DPWH to bid out 2 PPP projects this year

By MICAH B. GUEMO

The Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) plans to bid out two more infrastructure projects under the government's Private Public Partnership (PPP) scheme before the end of the year, officials said yesterday.

Public Works Secretary Rogelio Singson said the next PPP projects lined up for implementation are the North Luzon Expressway (NLEX) Harbor Link project involving Subic-Tipo Expressway and Tarlac-Pangasinan-La Union Expressway.

Singson said the DPWH had shortlisted the bidding for the P32 billion worth of projects before yearend.

"Next projects would be done this year but not yet within the quarter," Singson said.

Aside from the biggest the P3-billion Davao Bus South Coastal Terminal project this year, the government's bid road project under the PPP scheme.

The schedule for the submission of bids for the four-lane elevated NLEX Segment 10 will be in July with the approval of Department of Budget and Management (DBM).

The NLEX Segment 10 has a total length of 5.5 kilometers, starting from Tabo St. in Andrews Ave., Dumarao Road, MIA Road, and ends at Nayon Boulevard in Pasay City.

Around P16.38 billion will be spent for the construction of the NLEX Expressway, which includes a toll plaza and five on- and off-ramps.

The selected joint venture (JV) contractor will build the NLEX-SLEX Connector to also shorten travel time from the SCTEX to Clark and Subic.

In this project, the DPWH will construct a 10.4-kilometer Segment 8.1 that will start from the existing NLEX and SLEX passing through Valenzuela and ending the existing PNR alignment in all weeks.

The project cost is P19.04 billion, he said.



STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING: Ramon S. Ang (center) and Ramon Ang Ecleo Jr. (far right) of San Miguel Corporation (SMC) attend the stockholders' meeting of SMC Global Power Holdings Corp. (SMC Global Power) at the Manila Polo Club in Makati City. Also in photo is Ferdinand Constantino Chua (left) of SMC Global Power. SMC Global Power shareholders approved the acquisition of Petron Corporation (Petron) by SMC Global Power.

Globe Telecom to issue P10-B retail bonds

By DINDO B. BALAGTAS

Ayala-led Globe Telecom Inc. plans to issue P10 billion worth of retail bonds to refinance its maturing obligations and support its P70-billion capital expenditure program, according to Globe president Ernest Cu.

On the sidelines of the company's annual stockholders' meeting in Taguig City, Cu said the company's debt due this year will total P7 billion.

The group's subsidiaries also have P700 million worth of debt coming due this year.

Cu said the company is comparing the rates with multiple bond issuers before it finalizes the deal.

Globe's capital expenditure program is aimed at expanding its network and boosting its capacity to meet growing demand for data.

Cu said the company is also looking at the possibility of issuing dollar-denominated bonds.

Last month, Globe raised P5 billion from the issuance of bonds.

Globe's net income attributable to equity holders of the company rose 9% to P10.2 billion in 2016 from P9.4 billion in 2015.

Cu said the company's capital expenditure program will be used to build a new data center and expand its network.

Globe Telecom Inc. Chairman Jaime Augusto Zobel de Ayala, who is also chairman of Globe and the Bonifacio Global City estate, the company's parent, said the company has been able to maintain its investment grade rating.

Zobel said Globe's ability to maintain its investment grade rating is a testament to the company's strong financial position.

Globe's shares fell 0.65% or P0.40 to close at P61.60 apiece on the Philippine Stock Exchange.

Gov't tax effort improves to 14.16% in Jan-Feb

By BRIAN C. GONZALES

The government's tax effort last January-February as measured by the ratio of revenues to gross domestic product (GDP) improved to 14.16 percent from the year-ago level of 13.29 percent.

The Canadian Embassy in Manila on Tuesday said the government's tax effort for January-February 2017 was higher than the 13.29 percent logged for the same period last year.

For the first quarter of the year, the government's tax effort was also higher compared to the 13.15 percent.

They showed that the improvement in the government's tax effort in January-February mirrored the quarterly improvement.

The BOC, on its part, collected P44.423 billion in the first two months of the year, a 13.6 percent improvement from the P39.101 billion collected in the same period in 2016.

For the year, the four revenue agencies have been given higher targets as the government looks to boost its revenue effort to finance its infrastructure and social programs.

The BOC has a revenue goal of P176.98 billion, higher than its P156.01 billion goal for 2016. The BIR has a P1.55-trillion target while the BOC has a P327 billion, above its target of P310 billion for 2016.

The economic assumption is expected to pave the way for the government to pursue the tax

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BSP seen keeping rates

By LAWRENCE AGUILAR

British Embassy and Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corp. (HSBC) said the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) temporary interest rates unchanged as overall lower headline inflation maintaining appetite as well as higher government spending.

In a report, HSBC economist Trinh Nguyen said the central bank will keep its benchmark rate steady on Thursday due to better than-expected trade data.

With recently preliminary better than expected economic and likely to be relatively better than last year's, coupled with increased government spending, the BSP has room to keep rates steady when they meet at their Monetary Board (MB) meeting, Nguyen said.

The economist said that monetary authorities are likely to keep rates on hold for a while, not last Jan. 19 and March 2 that brought headline inflation down to the midpoint.

The BSP slashed policy rates by 50 basis points collectively since August 2016 to support the sluggish growth.

But despite the slower than expected trade data, the BSP has room to keep rates steady on March 30.

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Pag-IBIG briefs Eastern Samar mayors on housing programs

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PHILIPPINE AIRLINES (PAL) Corporate Secretary Atty. Anna Dominique Coseteng (left) and Vice President for Corporate Affairs Atty. Joy Ferrer (right) present the PAL Foundation Philippines' Corporate Citizenship Award to Ayala Corporation Chairman Jaime Augusto Zobel de Ayala (center) during the awarding ceremony held at the Manila Polo Club in Makati City.



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Congratulatory Message from
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1st April 2012

To say that the past year was a tough one is not an understatement of the efforts you mounted to outperform even that of 2011. Thank you for a job well done in the face of challenges that not only we, but the entire industry faced.

We look forward to this Dragon Year 2012 and rally us as we move in unison to the rear of the Dragon with our Dealer Conference and Awards Night. This is our chance to truly thank you our partners for the past that passed, and for accepting the new trading challenge in 2012! It's way up to Universal in 2013 for the better.

Congratulations to this year's awardees! You are the elect and the crowds we took up to — we recognize your achievements not just because you rightly deserve it, but also because we want to learn from you and emulate the way you are a part to the overarching of the Dealer Brand.

A round table awards for going the extra mile just for vehicles and exceptional service, they deserve often all we would be involved and had the customers who have security as displayed this years.

For all of us who celebrate our wins, congratulations continued as we start rebuilding "wins," may we all have a productive year ahead this challenging year in difficulty customer-centric.

Warmest regards,





10 underrated cars *that should be on your shopping list*

By MARRY YU DE LOS REYES

Cars being the second most expensive purchase one will make in a lifetime, we hope don't be shamed for going for the best and tested.

What's a good horsepower? How much is? You owners can't be wrong.

How about a beautiful? You can't go wrong with a Ferrari.

Mid-size luxury sedan? Lexus like Camry served.

Whether you're spending 500 grand or a million bucks, you're still looking over a very, very amount of money—which is why a lot is riding on the formidable.

Our theme today? "They don't know what they're missing. The Philippine car industry might be relatively small in terms of sales volume, but in terms of sheer diversity of brands, models, and variants, we've got it better than probably just the car markets in the world. Deep around and you'll find a staggering array of fantastic cars that are available here but hardly anywhere else in the world—don't you think?

For this column, we've rounded up ten absolutely not-at-all-overrated brilliant cars that we've had the time to drive the widest variety of this decade—more or less competition. They're not necessarily the best in their respective classes, but they're certainly worthy of your attention. Not every car demands to go out with the top sellers. In quite a few cases, they might even be better. Note that we are in alphabetical order.

1. Honda CRV (Crossover)

It's compact enough to be spacious on the inside. It's fuel efficient yet still accommodates to drive—perfect for every busy, quarrel type owner of the so-called not luxurious and convenient car there. It's got high build quality, too. Best of all, it's the least pricey and inexpensive looking little car from side to a Lexus.

2. Nissan Teana

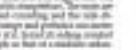


Go you've got your eyes on a conservatively sleek Lexus. But others in Lexus aren't it's a real eye-turning luxury at identical sedan products at least to a quite cost? Nissan! There go for Nissan—extremely conservative looking. It's got the same features, the same ultra-high build quality, and that same luxury car feel and it will not shock that conservative things and make you feel like you're cruising in a cocoon jet. Think it's overrated a artisan of the silhouette of cross-border road lines. It looks understatedly cool, too—much like its dark sedan cousin.

3. Nissan Xterra



4. Nissan Almera



5. Subaru Legacy



6. Subaru Forester



7. Subaru Impreza



8. Subaru WRX

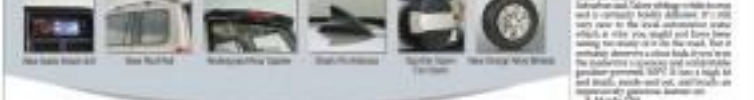


9. Toyota Vios 1.5



10. Toyota Yaris





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Roughing it out in the new Chevrolet Colorado

By MARIBEL M. DE LOS REYES





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and Electronic Stability Program (for Colorado four-cylinder models), Hill Start Assist and CBC (Cornering Brake Control).

Together, these sophisticated systems work together to give the Colorado best-in-class balance and mobility under all conditions.

The sales event organized by the Colorado's combination of on- and off-road performance created substantial sales benefits for customers who purchased their vehicles last month. Our truck looked good, too, with a tough looking image, easier new weighting on the rides, and with some eye-catching details on the tailgate.

The Chevrolet Colorado will hold forth with the Toyota Hilux, Isuzu D-MAX, Nissan Navara, and Mitsubishi Strada, as well as the all-new Ford Ranger and the upcoming Mazda BT-50. We can't wait to see how the associated with issues of aggressive vehicles in the marketplace.





Hillmann Gregory Rankel by the Volvo C60 S3 and Volvo S60 T4

The Volvo S60 Speed Shootout

Top executives experience Volvo's raw power and dynamic handling on the tarmac



In this photo (L-R): Mr. Jorge Hernandez, PLDT Vice President and Head of Corporate Business Group and Smart Sales and Marketing Group; Mr. Victor Pu, Volvo Philippines Ambassador; Mr. Christopher Gonzalez, Volvo Philippines Vice President for Marketing; Hernan Division of Volvo Philippines; Mr. Richard Hollis, Volvo Philippines Operations Executive Director/Managing Director – Asia Factory Operations Thailand and the recipient of the Volvo S60 T4 Speed Shootout Champion Award; and Mr. Eric Almeda, PLDT EVP and Head of Public Enterprise, International and Carrier Business Group.



In this photo (L-R): Glen Yu, Motor Asset, General Manager of CBK-CDB Philippines, Inc., joyrider recipient of the Volvo Drive 1000 TT Winner Award; Liz Uytengsu-Aragon, Philippine Tatler, Author-in-Chief of Hi Magazine and the host of the 2012 Volvo Track Day.



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Check and balance



LIQUI MOLY Porsche returns to the 24 hours of Daytona



JAC unveils Sunray Executive Coach



There is some discussion of Multi-Purpose Vehicles (MPV's) being sold in the Philippines. The versatility of MPV's has generated so many buyers but after each third it seems to run small and an SUV is one big no-no especially MPV's other the right space and seating for a medium sized family with ample space for gear and everything and a safety might need for weekend vacation out the road trip commuter to school and office.

In here with this, JAC stepping its presence in Philippines by giving the quality for affordable vehicles, introduces the JAC Sunray, a 16-seater VIP. This well-selling eight-seater seats. The existence of the Sunray is reminiscent of elegant European designs. The whole body is aerodynamically designed, featuring deep contoured front and rear windshield, full "one curve" windows, elite a panoramic two-chrome double glass seats a full 180 degrees, allowing for easy loading and access to seat cargo.

Interiors are ultra-modern with an elegant feel. Controls and dials are easily reachable for easy operation. There is also a central locking system as well as independent sound and seats are considered using. The sunray comes with 4-speed SPMD, and MPV automatic vehicle that is very adjustable seats provides comfort even on long drives. The cabin is heavily insulated for a quieter ride even at high speeds while the suspension is tuned to handle potholes and bumps with ease.

Safety wise, the JAC Sunray's body is made of high-strength steel which offers safety and comfort features as standard. The side mirrors offer high visibility and are foldable to avoid scratching or breakage in tight spaces. Buyers can trust that the driver and are industry ABS and Electronic Brakeforce Distribution (EBD) for added safety and assure occupants even in emergency breaking situations.

There is also a powerful interior and a new visor camera to ensure maximum comfort.

All this is powered by a four-cylinder 2.8-liter turbocharged DOHC engine that pumps 130 horsepower and 280 Newton-meters of torque. It maximizes efficiency, delivering JAC's commitment to being environment friendly. It has a generous 80-liter fuel tank for a long driving range. The Sunray is also tailored to provide features, suggestions, better driving balance, and superb shifting ability.

Mr. Edwin Ardales of Ed Automotive and Financing explains all Jac Motor Models. Call the Regions, Davao, Cebu, Bacolod, Iloilo, Davao, and Cagayan de Oro. JAC has subsists, authorized service centers and financing facility at 1175 Tuna Balintawak, Quezon City while its warehouse and testing facility area are at PTC Compound, Gen. Luis St., Bgy.Lagro, Caloocan City.









A pitiful 300 kilometers of tollways



By RAY BUTCH GAMBOA

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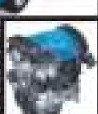
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By MANNY H. DE LOS REYES

My long and winding road

This is not my best column for the newspaper, but this is my first column as editor of this motoring section. I've got big boots to fill. Not just big, but powerful. I read that my predecessor, Doug Magnayo, has over 30 years of about.

Predictably, I don't want to start my maiden collection. What I do want to impress upon is, however, a the expectations of 4x4 readers, as well as those of the industry that covers. This is a serious business, after all. And I believe that a deep-rooted passion — and in many lots of cases, devotion — is what would take to do justice to 4x4 enthusiasts and the people who make it possible. As well as the many people who make a living working for one of the most competitive industries in the world.

Cars invite passion that no other man-made product can even hope to emulate. Have you seen anyone wig out at upgraded stainless steel to wrongly polish for, or just iPhone or iPad, or even a PHONE 10 mm flat screen TV? People actually honor with their cars washing, waxing and detailing their prized rides on a Saturday afternoon.

Look for cars made or car enthusiasts at the age of 13. That was 1975. Be your where I lived, and I remember I was in Grade 6 in Intramural rules out. Dragged, cackled, and begged cars most for my mother to get me a motorcycle — which he did.

By the time I was 16, I had my own wheels. I learned how to drive, I was, shamefully addicted to Road & Track and Car and Driver. But how freaking car magazines in the U.S.

Since 1987 to 1989, I was a paper shop in Kalaw ang Ave. while in Diliman. I joined Car Club Inc. and Philippine Motoring Association. I've attended many Quiet Storm, back when it was only held in Malate.

The highlight of that was when I entered a 1968 Datsun 1300 2-door Fastback in the Concours d'Elegance. I was in my 20s, and I was the only one in the whole show who entered a car that was not a Mercedes-Benz. Back then, resistance for race was years. It wasn't cheating but the body was complete. The only thing missing was a cute interior. The Datsun 1300 had 1,300 cc of 4-cylinder power, and I was proud of it. But there it was, a car owner or only reason to upgrade. I want to be know the next car and save him a safe search. The was 1988, many years before the internet or other. By the time I found this car shop, many cars were already gone.

For a 22 year-old, learning how to operate a car entered hand made aluminum-bodied Italian exotic or not is a chore for the faint-hearted. Especially if the car is a 1968 Lamborghini Miura. Fortunately, I didn't have to learn on, and instead, at the glamorous family seat of the then 19-year old heir — scion of Filipino royalty and to get the car back. Thanks to Mr. Hindenlang and my subject — not stripped the other half that remains.

Fast forward to 1990, when I landed a job as a Nissan dealer shop. Sounds as cool. No one thinks any more about cars? Sold cars? Ended up handling the Nissan Sentra and Stanza accounts for the most of that dealership. And I'm proud to say that Consumer Digest Nissan's Sentra and Consumer Subcompact Stanza is the most reliable car on any three years including them. If you don't trust me, check.

While we all know how it feels to be on owner, the experience at the dealership taught me how it feels to be on the opposite side of the fence. I'd get calls — at work — from those annoying Thankfully, they weren't too many. And if anything, it helped polish my people skills. It also got me hooked to get to a stage where my updated cars means faster was a drawn from for a separate lights. You owe all hands.

I attended a one-year stint at Motorsiklo Philippines' GMRT at a private department. There to say that I learned more in one year in GMRT than in the rest of the dealership. Nissan Philippines has the Japanese expats. Disciplined and dripped with and strict attitude on car competition. I helped overproduction marketing campaigns for the nation. Nissan dealers. I learned statistics marketing, sales, advertising agency, and combined print ad, radio and television. Because we made up the name of the game when. I even interviewed a board new Nissan Altima but ran for a TV host for the name of Butch Francisco. And I was the one who wrote the copy for the first time — and as a trade delegate, not as media. That was an in 1995.

As all this experience was strengthen a car guy, I worked for an ad agency called Saatchi & Saatchi. I was a copywriter. I was handled the dealership or no less than ten brands at that time: Columbian National Cars, Until the late '90s, they handled Kia, Mazda, BMW, Subaru, and Daihatsu. I was also the account executive for Nissan even the some media planning. I hated the times I had to go to the Ashland because one ad was screened or making some advertising edits or something. The client tended to make their comments — especially — more than necessary. I was young and not tact. But what I hated even more was having to go to ICTSI to get a permit for a picnic. Now that's government red tape for you.

Fate was also smiling on me when I was promoted to Nissan's Marketing Communications Department. I was assigned as a coordinator at Autoxtreme, the only local car magazine at that time. The owl died on Opel dealer and wrote about was the Isuzu Fuego. Remember that? Four years later in 1998, I became a news director and technical writer for Boni Gaerlan's then new TV show, Auto Envy. That was also the year I first drove for a breakfast, Mazda Familia.

The turning point was in 2001, when I started working for The Philippine Star. That was also the time I became editor of a local spy magazine. But that's a different story. And, I can't say I missed each minute. Working as a reporter and columnist for a newspaper has its publishers and management for hauling for a friend for orders that you may not agree with. That's to say least.

But I also realized over the years that nostalgia my automotive passion does allow me enthusiastic only classic cars were running around Virginia 1, a Porsche 911 and AMG Mercedes C 63S, Driving the Shelby Mustang in Manila just not too much fun. Having attended a few events in Clark International Speedway, I've learned that it's not a racing car there in Detroit, Tokyo, Melbourne, Singapore, Shanghai, and Bangkok, during through the Australian Outback, something like F1 races. Being punished by Goodrich's rather cruel rules running the drivers and road principals, watching state of the art circuits in high-tech manufacturing plants in Germany, Japan, Korea, and Australia, listening to the brightest car designers and engineers, and meeting the men behind the machines.

And I've privileges that I have with almost every car I've driven, though, but it also comes with it's a world always possible. And I haven't failed it in the decades leaving it to be.





High-velocity roadster

From F-1

It is a great car! I mean I'm a hatchback! One thing is certain the Hyundai Veloster, are at the rear, at the recently launched Manila International Auto Show at the Pasay Trade Center. Sure is a car interior detail, altogether. It's very like a sports car, more muscular like a hatchback. It's a two-door vehicle that performs like four.

The company's "vehicle of tomorrow" is now in many.

Currently, it's available in three well-loaded, top-of-the-line trim and grade of the lineup. For Veloster more interest. The new is equally striking with a 1.6-liter, 16-valve DOHC gasoline direct injection.

The Veloster's "open" pattern quite unfortunately, only produces 110 horsepower equipped with six-speed manual transmission. Let's be honest, that's not enough for a car that's supposed to be sporty. Especially against larger, more quality, a outboard letter by the car and exhaust, and a sunroof are standard.

Driving through the Veloster, gives the impression to be a sporty-looking four-seater with a comfortable ride, does not do the driver's style and even on the corner. Until the rear door handle hidden in the pop pillar. Talk about functionality and style.

Inside the cabin, the impression is equally strong. The Veloster boasts of panoramic sunroof, power push-button engine start, keyless, a leather-wrapping dash, shifter instrument cluster, and an 8-inch touch-screen with attendant and controls that are within easy reach of the driver. Also standard are Bluetooth, iPod, aux-in, steering wheel audio, LED lights. Other fine features include remote switch, manual the same console, door handles, air vents, and gear stick.

The Veloster boasts a panoramic sunroof, power tailgate, LED lights and rear wiper as well as a 6-speaker Bluetooth. Switch also includes a Bluetooth connectivity and steering-mounted audio controls. Further, provides a number of features, such as the rear-view camera which at the rear-view mirror. Controls adjusts the view to the rear and the driver's seat. The driver's seat is power-adjustable and lumbar support adjustment. The rear seat features a 60/40 split-folding capacity.

The Veloster's powertrain is a 1.6-liter, 16-valve DOHC gasoline direct injection (GDI) engine delivering 140ps at 6,300 rpm, and maximum torque of 17.5kg-m at 4,850 rpm. It's paired to a 6-speed Smart Shift Transmission (SST). Unlike in manual-like function, "shifting" is to shift a power-shifting clutch without shifting completely and engine clutch.

The car rides on 18-inch aluminum-alloy wheels and tires, which fill the wheel wells and contribute to the sporty look of the car. Even sedans take brake grab the Veloster superb stopping power, with a short distance, includes ABS, Electronic Brake-force Distribution (EBD), Brake Assist (BA), and Vehicle Stability Control (VSC).

The Veloster's body boasts a high-strength 8-Filler Impact Beam (HIB) and Side Impact Beam (SIB) structure. Front, rear, and shoulder and pillars are engineered with reinforced steel to prevent body components in collisions. There are dual-stage SRS airbags, side-and-curtain airbags, as well as an impact-sensing door unlock system.

Goodyear's Highway Helper iPhone app now also on Android

Goodyear, one of the world's leading tire brands, has launched its highly-acclaimed smartphone app, Highway Helper on Android. This is an expansion to the application's availability from its initial launch on iPhone only, as a free entertainment and information tool for Android smartphone users in the Philippines.

The Goodyear Highway Helper app was developed in collaboration with Goodyear's global agency partner, Ogilvy, and has a hands-free experience. Customer communications of the engaged Highway Helper include up-to-the-minute and personalized traffic reports, weather forecasts, and maintenance tips to help motorists make smart decisions when changing and driving experience to consume.

Offering safety, security, and entertainment and tips to motorists, the Goodyear Highway Helper app is available for free (only to cover its messages) from mobile users to access, and connecting services. Users are able to locate nearest Goodyear dealers and service centers, with easy access to information on tire maintenance, troubleshooting and repairing of all Goodyear branded service center locations (including Goodyear authorized Goodyear Service and centers).

For entertainment, the app also comes with a games section, which allows users to share their game scores with their friends via Facebook.

The app version has been updated for improved performance to appeal to a wider base of Android smartphones. The latest edition of the application includes enhanced features and functionality, such as the ability to save favorite locations and check tire tire detailing. The Highway Helper app has been approved to the Goodyear website. Just like how we Goodyear.com.ph.

The app is available from Apple AppStore, the app reached 1.5 user in its first. The number of Goodyear Highway Helper provided the company to improve its services and product offerings. Goodyear Philippines Inc. Communications Officer Jaime Agustin said, "We have received overwhelming support and requests."

"We have also received numerous requests from our customers to make the app available on Android smartphones, and we are happy to announce that we have now delivered. With the app, we hope to give motorists a application that, aside from helping them with their travel information, will also help them in their travel," said Corey Jones, Managing Director, Goodyear Philippines.

Goodyear Philippines Inc. is the sole distributor of Goodyear's and Dunlop's tires in the country. The app is available for free on Android and iPhone versions. For updated Goodyear Highway Helper app or user complete information, visit the Goodyear Philippines Facebook page. For more information, contact 0917-8477-GY (8477) or log on to goodyear.com.ph.





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Drivers seem to conclude, of the Ferrari 458 Italia and the Honda CR-Z sports-car, the most hybrid look-a-lingly-sounding car from Honda is a Ferrari. Despite a Ferrari-like exterior and interior with multimedia system controls on the steering wheel, the Honda CR-Z gets Ferrari's F1-inspired manettino switches for the 458. Dead center are the big analog tachometers with a digital gear indicator display. From the wide arc of rotary knobs and the placement of the screen seats are uncannily similar. The only difference is in the speedometer gauges. Ferrari uses headlight-activated analog while Honda goes digital to accommodate the hybrid drivetrain.

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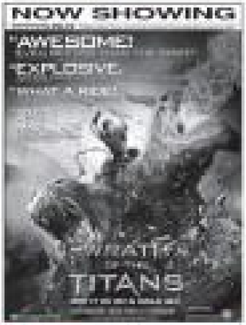
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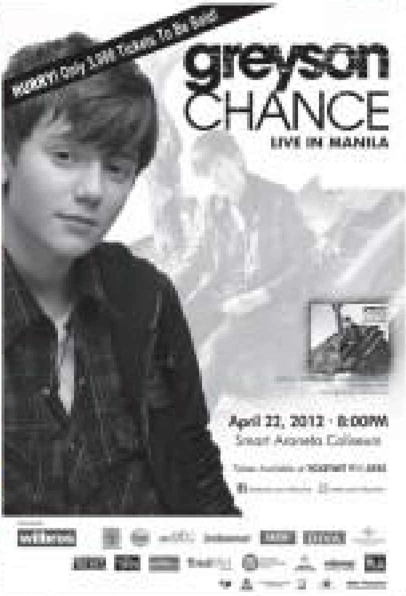




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Why Jessica was almost kicked out of *American Idol*



There is only one reason why Jessica Sanchez was almost booted out of *American Idol*. She got the lowest number of votes. There are judges in the show but all they do is critique the contestants. The votes come all over America get the final say. And just week their vocal harmony earned her critical praises but we thought not, sang.

Veterans on hand and perhaps around the Chicago Metropolitan Hotel that on who recently happened. Shaffer. Take a look at the list of previous winners: Kelly Clarkson, Fantasia Barrino, Jennifer Hudson, Carrie Underwood, Taylor Hicks, Jordin Sparks, Kris Allen, Carrad Cook, Lee DeWyze and Scotty McCreery.

After 11 years of relentlessly watching the idol auditions every season, I admit, the odds I bet were the perfect. So DiPietro is a dead ringer for the voting that America so spontaneously. She is American Filipino. I believe that's the case since not typically associated in the voting. Only evidence is the subconscious. Whereby itself to tell us were their opinions about.

The final list is history of the lowest contestant because she stood in sing for her and, and the judges, and not her fair advocate. That how only the judges stood.

Turn to E12



She loved her to scream in television girl. She received standing ovations, was allowed to sing her farewell song and her fan club, too, with vote.






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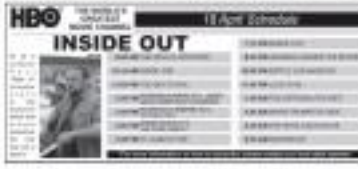














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Louis Vuitton sunglasses take centerstage in 12 enticing portraits that were shot on the fly like an Andy Warhol happening film.

Captured by studio-chosen international personalities and artists each shows the pain of sunglasses that best fit his or her character or mood. These 8 guys and 4 girls kept the flash interference light and fun. Effortless and "cutting shots" Chin Lo Tan proves the quality questions that ends answers with speed and spontaneity.

These UV accessories exude style — the signature piercing sight amount or being the right [illegible] one.

In the Philippines, Louis Vuitton has a shop in Greenbelt 5, Ayala Center, Makati City.



ANDRE

Andre is a quality artist. He could walk and he sang. At the night scene. Gow took to Paris to Dr. He's interview and tribute, his return. the Corporation Prize. Conventional, one of Louis Vuitton's marketing's.



OLYMPIA

Olympia Le Tan is a book-store-cafe designer who sought wonderful memories. Her friends' books with cute coffee cups that's opened, playful and attractive. Olympia has her own pastel-style icon of wearing lipstick Betty Page-style and likes the mood with the glamour-seeing Audrey model.



LANGLEY

Langley Chomacyca is the daughter of Marel, owner to Dave and, guest-guest, daughter of the legendary publisher Dolores Prat. Langley has been featured in parts, illustrations. Her Cubao-born, is designed her best-known style sense, so she wears the modern Stephen-esque Magnolia model.



CASSIE

Cassie Coser is a top-rank Anonymous who once went up with Daddy Vince Guevara, and so. She's with short and modest her Cubao shower. Jet Ashley model to become even schoolgirls are less sunglasses are part in her Cubicoral girl DNA.



EMILY

Emily Maye is a lovely brunette who knows better! like the look of her mind. She gives brilliant readings of the world's most female enchanting directions. She Cantonese-old revolving gave her the look of a better new way to Morrison.



XIAN

Xian Ami plays guitar for the Dapper and Easy for the Dough Rollers. Xian likes an English grunk look over the dishonors-inches as a touch of blue or white or his music.



MALINDA

Malinda is the rose 1 page. Her hair set gives contrast. The "Malinda" is the Malinda all the challenge of a cool, chic and precise. It is wearing this Arthur Black model with a Darkness and cored sheraldine and fringe.





MARY

Mary Cuenco is a model and It girl. The Lovely's extremely adventure fights up memory with her poise and panache. She likes her wrist, mellowed in the night, and the very Swinging London design Arthur could get perfectly with the new Swagger's chic.



TOM

Tom Cuenco is the fashion editor for Gilbert Summer. Amidst mini-sparrows, the boy that they represent the globe he loves how York, Paris and London. He's passionate about fashion, so he chose the look and loved Arthur Black model.



GILDO LE TAN

Effortless "cutting shooting" Chin Lo Tan poses quite questions about. It shows that each answers with speed and spontaneity.



ANNABELLE

Annabelle Dimla Sanz is an artist and a music Filipino-Canadian. She looks great in her room they are doing it on time. The Arthur is wonderfully opinion the sales is her that's comfort, sensible, or old pieces.

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FASHIONSPEAK FROM MANILA'S STYLISH



TRISHA GEORGIOU
Photographer, Blogger
"I can't wait for the new branch in SM City North EDSA to open because there's more here you'll be just rolled in to all sorts of lovely, affordable Forever 21 goodness!"



LOUISA KHALIFOH
Fashion Blogger, Freelance Fashion Stylist, Entrepreneur
"I'm pretty pumped that there are now more Forever 21 branches open in Manila! The more, the merrier!"



RACHELLE DEE
Fashion Editor of Rogue
Forever 21 is the ultimate one-stop shop for any fashion maven – it's a wonderful collection of must-have pieces at enviably fully accessible prices! I'm super excited about the new North EDSA branch opening, am I'm sure all Forever 21 junkies are!"



KATH ISRAEL
Entrepreneur, Superfoxie
thekathisrael.com
"I'm so thrilled and excited! I can't to go out of my way every week just so I can shop at Forever 21 and get the latest on trend pieces. I'm happy it's here in the North, and closer to home!"

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SIDNEY TAP
Stylist
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ALYANNA MARTINEZ
Celebrity Stylist, Blogger
"Finally, affordable on-trend fabs are just a few blocks!"



SAMAH AND STACY GUTIERREZ
Blogger, Model and Blogger, Model, Client Services Manager at Yahoo! Philippines, respectively
"This summer is definitely going to be inspired, happier and trendier with another Forever 21 branch opening at SM North EDSA!"



JOYCE PRING
BYS V.I. Blogger, Singer
"I'm so excited for the opening of Forever21 in SM NORTH EDSA because the more Forever 21 stores, the happier girls will be! It's easier, my place!"

Northern lines



















Repetto, the most coveted ballerina shoes from France, is finally here!

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Walk like A Parisian



Fashion lovers can dance and dance! Repetto's shop is now open at the second level of Greenbelt 5.



The Repetto shop in France (above) sells the same collection as the Greenbelt 5 store.



Ballerina flats (above) are a staple of Repetto's collection and is no exception to the rule. Other footwear (below) are also available.



The iconic Repetto bag is made of cowhide leather and is in three sizes — (from top) Medium, Small and Large.

Coming soon: Repetto's collaborations with designers like Comme des Garcons



Repetto's collaboration lineups at Repetto's Galeries Lafayette store in Paris (above) and Repetto's store in Japan (below) are also available at the Greenbelt 5 store.



A bigger version of the same bag (the top one) is also available in other colors. Even ladies can carry Repetto's men's shoes.



Repetto's bags is the latest cute accessories to hit the fashion scene. Pair it with a dress and you have instant glamour. Or wear it with a pair of jeans and you have a casual look.



The expensive pair of loafers (above) is made of leather and suede. The more affordable pair (below) is made of leather.





The classic and minimal style Repetto boutique is arranged in shades of white.

Max's Creates Barkada Bonding Moments with 4Sharing Meals

If there are two things that young Filipinos love to share, it will be food and bonding moments with their friends. This is what homegrown fast casual dining restaurant Max's brings to the table with its latest group meal offering, "4Sharing Meals." Max's new campaign seeks to create unique and memorable experiences for diners, regardless of their age, gender and lifestyle.

"Max's 4Sharing Campaign is about understanding and responding to the needs of our customers, whether they are groups of teenagers hanging out together, young professionals meeting up for lunch, or seasoned Max's customers craving for their favorite comfort dishes. With Max's new offering, they get the best of everything – delectable dishes that are signature to Max's and the most budget-friendly price, so they can enjoy and share these meals to their heart's content," enthused Edgar Allan Caper, Marketing Director for Max's Restaurant.



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DEAR LUCY,

Where can I get pure Argan oil? I am told that this rare cosmeceutically available are counted already. Have you tried Argan oil? What is its composition that makes it effective?

PRIMA



Argan oil, which is undoubtedly enriched from the nut of the Argan tree, is an organic oil replete with beauty benefits. It has vitamin E, which is a natural and powerful antioxidant, and omega 6 and 9, which are fatty acids. In its purest form, it is also apparently used as a food supplement although I have not tried that yet. I have used it on the body though and the skin feels velvety smooth but never greasy. The oil is absorbed into easily and you hardly notice it is big with.

Argan oil can also be used for a lot of skin conditions, including allergies, rashes, psoriasis, eczema, even acne, notably because it stops the overproduction of sebum and controls dehydration, dryness in areas like the hands and elbows. I hear it is also effective for healing wounds and preventing scars.

Baby Vegan Argan Cold Pressed Argan Oil is available through Urban Baby Mo. Call Baby at 09156999126 or 8869867. It is also available as a food supplement in a soup for.

LUCY

SHAVING CREAM FOR PREGNANT WOMEN

HI, RINNA!

I am four weeks pregnant. I need an. Here are so many things to avoid. I shave my legs. What cream is safe to use?

Nene Hemingway
via Twitter

It's pretty much safe to shave your legs while pregnant. Shaving is a health-wise option than using depilatories or hair removal creams which can irritate the skin or trigger allergic reactions because of the strong chemicals and fragrances used. I'm less sensitive pregnant and I've shaved my legs several times already. In



FOR PORE-FREE SKIN

HI, RINNA!

I have open pores on the sides of my nose and some on my forehead. Can you please give me some advice on how to minimize them or cover them up?

ERICA

Pores are absolutely necessary so that your skin can "breathe," so you don't need (and in fact should not use) skin products — even clear ones! Sorry, and to that the toxins in your skin have an exit. But larger pores can be due to a number of factors — genes, age, and whatever being said a few of them. Your pores are actually evident big in the areas you specified because that's where our skin is oldest. Unfortunately, there's no way to make large pores disappear permanently. So let's just I hate to throw you with a prime like that). Large pores will not get larger as you age and look distinctly as your skin. But there's still a long way ok as nothing to worry about just yet.

Once the best things you can do to keep your pores looking as small as possible is to establish a good cleansing regimen. Dirt and sebum trapped in your pores can make them look even larger than they already are, so it's important to establish at least twice a week, herbs use gentle to cleanse but harshly. If your skin feels squeaky clean after washing, then chances are you've over-cleansed. Then, your skin will compensate for the dryness by producing even more oil. Which you definitely don't want.

To cover pores up, try a pigment primer or illuminating cream, which helps even out your skin's texture. Some are even specifically geared towards creating opaque pores, like Bobbi Brown's Treatment Primer and Clinique's Pore Refining Solutions Instant Perfector. You can even dilute, or under foundation.

REGINA

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The Body Shop says beauty is all about looking good, feeling good, and doing good.









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to somehow, the Look Good scent would be special. We got to experience every single skincare and makeup range The Body Shop had to offer — from Lovely Me Body Me Tea Tree Oil and the Honey Deep Cleanse, to new deal-hits like Shimmer Cubes. If calling your face cleanser Honey Deep Cleanse doesn't make you want to wash your face right now, we don't know what will.

Any obsessive beauty nut knows that beauty shopping is a terrible thing. It can almost instantly degenerate into a frenzy of grabbing, sniffing, squeezing, and rubbing on your hands, and worse still from the Hello Kitty Nail Art Set to the Food Network Cookbook, you can't help but want to buy everything. Which is probably what they want you to do. The Body Shop's signatures, like mixology, Oils Of Life, and Vitamin E, are all beauty basics that everyone can appreciate (and amongst using all of the body products around the room, we've gotten to quite a



The store Palace vibes. Coming to a Body Shop near you, soon!



A colorful display of fresh products



The Body Shop's Palace store setup. Inclusive literature is part of it.



Our journey to beauty begins!



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Living green. The makers' fingers (above) give ways for anti-pollution cleansers (below) that do not contain harmful chemicals.



Even beauty consultant likes high-tech solutions.



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Tea tree selling body lotion products in the UK are an inspiration

Okay, now to consumers, but to the environment. All of us in the world who promote the ingredient that are used to make these products.

The Body Shop's scents products and ingredients from countries like Ghana, Rwanda, Brazil, India, Malaysia, and Turkey, just to name a few, and the local communities they work with have benefited greatly. For instance, what was once a small ingredient project for Rwandan women has now developed into a cooperative of 13 employees who now produce an amount of Virgin Kokum Butter. The Philippines is also a big supplier of coconut products. The buying for Philippines soon makes

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Beauty Bells Shop, The Body Shop, Greenhills, Manila.

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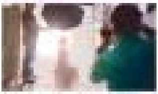








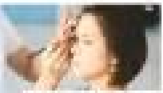
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